



Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Subject: Issuance of the POST Peace Officer Psychological Screening Manual

The POST Peace Officer Psychological Screening Manual is now available on the POST Website and can be accessed at <https://www.post.ca.gov/peace-officer-psychological-screening-manual.aspx>. The comprehensive scope of the Manual covers all phases and aspects of the psychological evaluation process, from the selection and training of screening psychologists, to procedures for reaching a suitability determination and providing feedback to psychologists. It clarifies and provides guidance for conducting preemployment peace officer psychological evaluations in compliance with federal and state law, regulations, and professional standards. Although much of the information in the Manual is intended for screening psychologists, a number of sections are also relevant to hiring authorities and others involved in the peace officer hiring process.

In addition to the online version, those wishing to purchase a printed color copy of the Manual can do so at https://docstore.fedex.com/post_ca.

Screening psychologists will be able to earn eight (8) hours of POST and CPA-approved continuing professional education (CPE) by successfully completing an [independent study course](#) and examination on the Manual's content. The CPE hours will count toward satisfying Commission Regulation 1955(b) that requires peace officer screening psychologists to accrue 12 hours of POST-approved CPE biennially. **A minimum of six (6) hours of CPE were required as of August 30, 2014, to be in compliance with Regulation 1955(b).** More information on this requirement can be found in POST [Bulletin 2013-12](#).

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